

## Items of Interest.

—During the month of October there was an increase in the Government debt of \$5,341,472.

—It is reported that during the past week British troops passed through Brazil to the port of Venezuela.

—Last week the largest swinging bell in the world was cast in Cincinnati. Height, seven feet; weight, 15,000 pounds.

—Kentucky, for the first time in the history of the state, has elected a Republican governor, and a Republican legislature.

—The finest library building in America was opened in Pittsburg, Nov. 8. It cost \$2,000,000, and is the gift of Mr. Carnegie.

—The Women's Temperance Publishing Association published forty-eight million pages of temperance leaflets within the past year.

—The District of Columbia—the capital city of the nation—has one school house for every 2,448 of the people, and one saloon for every 195.

—It is said that during the last week water was sold in Altoona, Pa., at two dollars a barrel. The drought has been very severe in that section of the state.

—On Oct. 24, over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, a train ran from Chicago to Buffalo, a distance of 510.1 miles, in 481 minutes, 7 seconds. The average speed was 63.6 miles an hour.

—It is estimated that the number of "hard drinkers" in our country to-day amount to 2,500,000. And an average of four other persons are affected by each one's debauchery and shame. Therefore this great evil affects 12,500,000 of our people.

—On Nov. 1, an earthquake passed through Rome, doing considerable damage to public buildings and old palaces. The bank of Italy and four palaces were so badly shaken that they are rendered unfit for further occupancy. The shocks caused all the bells in the city to ring, and doors and windows were shaken and smashed everywhere.

—Who would not rather have a son or a friend the victim of the robber or the assassin than of the liquor seller? If the robber steals his money or his property, he leaves him still a man, honored and respected. If the assassin slays him for his money, he is still fondly remembered and loved as before. But the victim of

the liquor-seller, robbed of his manhood as well as of his money, is loathsome even to his friends while he lives, and a source of inexpressible grief when he is dead, an agonizing sorrow from which there is no relief but in forgetfulness of his debauched life and hopeless death.—*Selected.*

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## Our Dead.

SNYDER.—Charles Worst Snyder, only son of brother Daniel and sister Mary Snyder, of the Fair Haven church, was born in Wayne Co., O., March 18, 1877, and died Nov. 13, 1895, aged 18 years, 7 months, and 25 days. Funeral at Fair Haven church on the 15, very largely attended, and was the most tearful, with the most deep-seated sorrow of any funeral we have attended in many years. The relationship is large and "Charlie," as we all called him, was an excellent boy, and a favorite with all. The grief-stricken parents and his three sisters have the sympathy of the entire community.

"They have the hope, the blissful hope,  
Which Jesus' grace has given—  
The hope when days and years are past,  
They all shall meet in heaven."

P. J. BROWN.

Last Thursday noon a very sad accident occurred a few miles north of town. There was to be a quilting at the home of Lewis Smith and among those on their way to attend were members of Mrs. John Smith's family. Johnnie Smith, a son nine years of age was riding in the rear end of the spring wagon with his feet hanging out. In some way one of his limbs became entangled in the spokes of the wheel, and it was crushed and broken terribly. He was hastily driven home and surgeons summoned. On Saturday death came to the relief of the sufferer. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church Sunday, conducted by F. J. Ingram.

A sad accident indeed; only two short months ago Sister Smith buried her husband, now her eldest born torn from her in such a way, is hard indeed. But the dear sister is resigned to her heavenly Father's will, knowing that he doeth all things well. Brother J. S. Wolters preached at Elm Creek school house a week after the accident to a sympathetic congregation.

MRS. E. TETLON.

SALA.—Bessie Augusta Sala was born Oct. 12, 1888, died Nov. 10, 1895, aged 7 years, 1 month, and 28 days. Funeral services conducted by the writer Nov. 12.

A. S. MENAUGH.

SWINEHART.—Bessie May Swinehart, aged 11 years, 7 months, and 21 days. Was taken away by typhoid fever, Nov. 10, 1895. Funeral services at the Brethren church in Warsaw, by the writer. Bessie was a faithful little girl, and endured her suffering patiently. Of such is the kingdom.

C. F. YODER.